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SUBJECT: CHURCH LEADER FEARS NEW FORMS OF ROKG REPRISALS

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1. REV. KIM KWAN SUK, GENERAL SECRETARY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, TOLD EMBOFF THAT AUGUST 20 AND 21 HE UNDERWENT EXTENSIVE INTERROGATIONS BY KCIA REGARDING USE OF FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY GERMAN CHURCH FUNDS FOR SOCIAL ACTION ACTIVITIES IN KOREA.

2. INTERROGATORS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN NCCC-K DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROGRAM. THE LATTER PROGRAM HAD FINANCED ACTIVITIES OF RECENTLY CONVICTED REV. PARK HYONG KYU. IN KIM'S VIEW, KCIA IS SEEKING EVIDENCE OF IMPROPER USE OF FUNDS SO THAT IT CAN CHARGE NOT ONLY REV. KIM, BUT ALSO THOSE SOCIAL ACTION LEADERS WHO ARE IRRITANTS TO AUTHORITIES, BUT WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AVOID OUTRIGHT IDENTIFICATION WITH CHURCH PROTESTS. KIM SAID THAT AMONG THOSE ALSO RECENTLY INTERROGATED REGARDING THIS MATTER WERE TWO NCCC STAFF MEMBERS, AS WELL AS REV. KIM'S SECRETARY AND THE

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GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NCCC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

PROGRAM.

3. INTERROGATORS ALSO WARNED REV. KIM THAT
KCIA AND PRIME MINISTER ARE DISPLEASED WITH HIM
AND OTHER NCCC-K MEMBERS FOR PASSING INFORMATION TO
FOREIGN PRESS AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES, ESPECIALLY U.S.
EMBASSY. INTERROGATORS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED
NCCC-K DELEGATION DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR HABIB OF
EARLIER CHRISTIAN LEADERS' MEETING WITH PRIMIN.(SEOUL 5161).
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